



February 5, 2014

Welcome to *JUMP Smarter*, the OPI online assessment newsletter. *JUMP Smarter* will be published on Wednesdays up to and throughout the Smarter Balanced Field Test window which ends May 14, 2014. *JUMP Smarter* will include updates and links to resources related to the Practice, Training, and Field Tests.

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2014 Smarter Field Test Important Dates

Week of February 17, 2014	OPI will begin assigning TIDE passwords to District Administrors
	and Test Coordinators.
March 18, 2014- May 14, 2014	Montana Smarter Balanced Field Test Montana Window for
	English Language Arts and Math, Grades 3-8 and 11- All Schools

Smarter Tests

Pilot Test	Scientific Sample, Grades 3-8 and 11	
Spring 2013	Gather data to impact the development of the Smarter Summative Assessment to	
	ensure assessment validity, reliability, and fairness	
Practice Test	Grades 3-8 and 11	
Available now!	Similar in length and structure to the Field Test, it contains a full array of item types.	
	Emphasis on content and item types	
Training Test	Grade Level Clusters: 3-5, 6-8, High School	
Available now	Shortened assessment for students to become familiar with the software and	
	interface features.	
	Emphasis on tools and interface	
Field Test	Grades 3-8, and 11	
Spring 2014	A large scale full form secure field test. Participation is required for all Montana 3-8,	
	and 11 th graders for accountability purposes. Tests the test not the students. In	
	Montana, the process will also be tested. No results wil be reported.	
Operational Test	Grades 3-8, and 11	
Spring 2015	Fully functional online adaptive summative assessment used for mandated	
	accountability purposes.State/District/School/Individual Reports.	

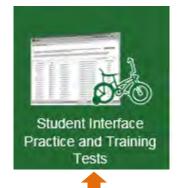


OPI Practice and Training Test Website

Please go to the OPI Website, Practice & Training Test Tab and tour the resources listed below: http://opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#gpm18
The practice and training tests are now available together at the following link: http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/

Once you are on the site scroll down to the following boxes.







To access this option before TIDE passwords are assigned, a temporary password can be requested from the Smarter Help Desk 855-833-1969. smarterbalancedhelpdesk@ets.org

To access the practice and training test without a password, click on the Student Interface Practice and Training Tests icon.



OPI Field Test Website

Please go to the following link for the Field Test Tab and tour the sections and documents listed below.

http://opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#gpm1 8

★ Administration—Recent Documents Posted OPI Scheduling Quick Facts

Contains time estimates, scheduling tables for ELA and Math, and scheduling protocol descriptions

Test Administration Manual (TAM)

Some sections in the TAM will be clarified by OPI for Montana especially the test security section.

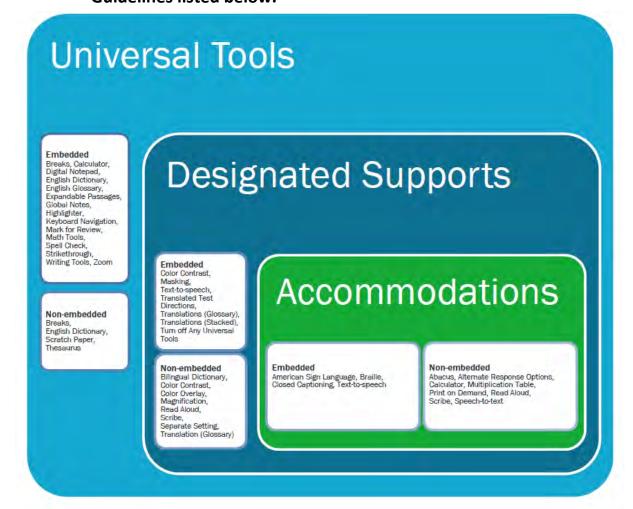
Keyboard Commands for Students

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- Accessibility—Recent Documents Posted

OPI Accessibility Quick Facts

This document contains the graphic below. A full sized graphic is on page 4 of the Usability, Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines listed below.



OPI Draft Crosswalk from CRT Accommodations to Smarter Accommodations

Smarter Accessibility Guidelines use different terms for similar student needs; this crosswalk provides guidance for determining how tools, supports, and/or accommodations in current IEPS and used with the CRT can be used with Smarter. Frank Podobnik, OPI Special Education Director, advises that IEPs do not need to be altered, modified, or changed for the Field Test.

NOTE: All Designated Supports and Document Accommodations can be identified and recorded for each student ahead of registering them with Smarter by using an accessibility template which will be provided by Smarter. It will be posted on the OPI Field Test site when it is available, and notification to Montana educators will be by official email. Please see the Data section below for more information.

Three documents from Smarter:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines
- Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Implementation
 Guide



OPI SBAC Ready Montana Quick Facts

Meta, the Montana Education Technologists Association, an affiliate of SAM, has been awarded a contract to provide technology support electronically to all Montana schools needing it. Please see the Quick Facts for more details.

Smarter Technical Specifications Manual

Data—Recent Document Posted

SBAC Tide User Guide 2.4 (replaces a previous version)

Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE): Online program for registering students to participate in the spring 2014 Smarter Field Test and for access to the designated supports and documented accommodations.

- Students enrolled and updated in AIM by January 24, 2014
 - AIM provides data to TIDE
- Students who enroll after January 24, 2014
 - Districts/schools update TIDE
- Designated Supports and Documented Accommodations
 - Districts/Schools enter in TIDE
 - Use the Crosswalk to help identify Smarter supports and accommodations

- Use the Accessibility Template (not yet available) or other tool to record that information prior to uploading to TIDE.
- Starting February 17, OPI will
 - Assign passwords
 - Passwords can be assigned at both district and school level
 - Provide training and Q&A sessions

→ Training—Recent Documents Posted

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- Assessment Conference Power Points
- Power Point Presentation: Steps to the Smarter Field Test
- Digital Blasts Flyer
 - The Montana Digital Professional Learning Network (MDPLN) is presenting a series of digital blasts on topics related to the MCCS and Smarter.

Smarter

 Training modules including universal tools, technology requirements, performance tasks and more.

Don't let perfect get in the way of progress!

Spring 2014 Smarter Field Test = Dress Rehearsal Do your best.

Form teams and determine roles.

Use the guidance documents and training on the OPI website.

Call for help.

Breathe!

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